

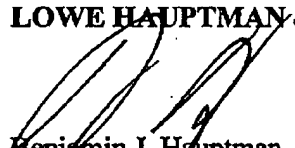
**Docket No.: 2336-254****PATENT****REMARKS:**

The claims have been amended to reflect cancellation of the non-elected claims. Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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